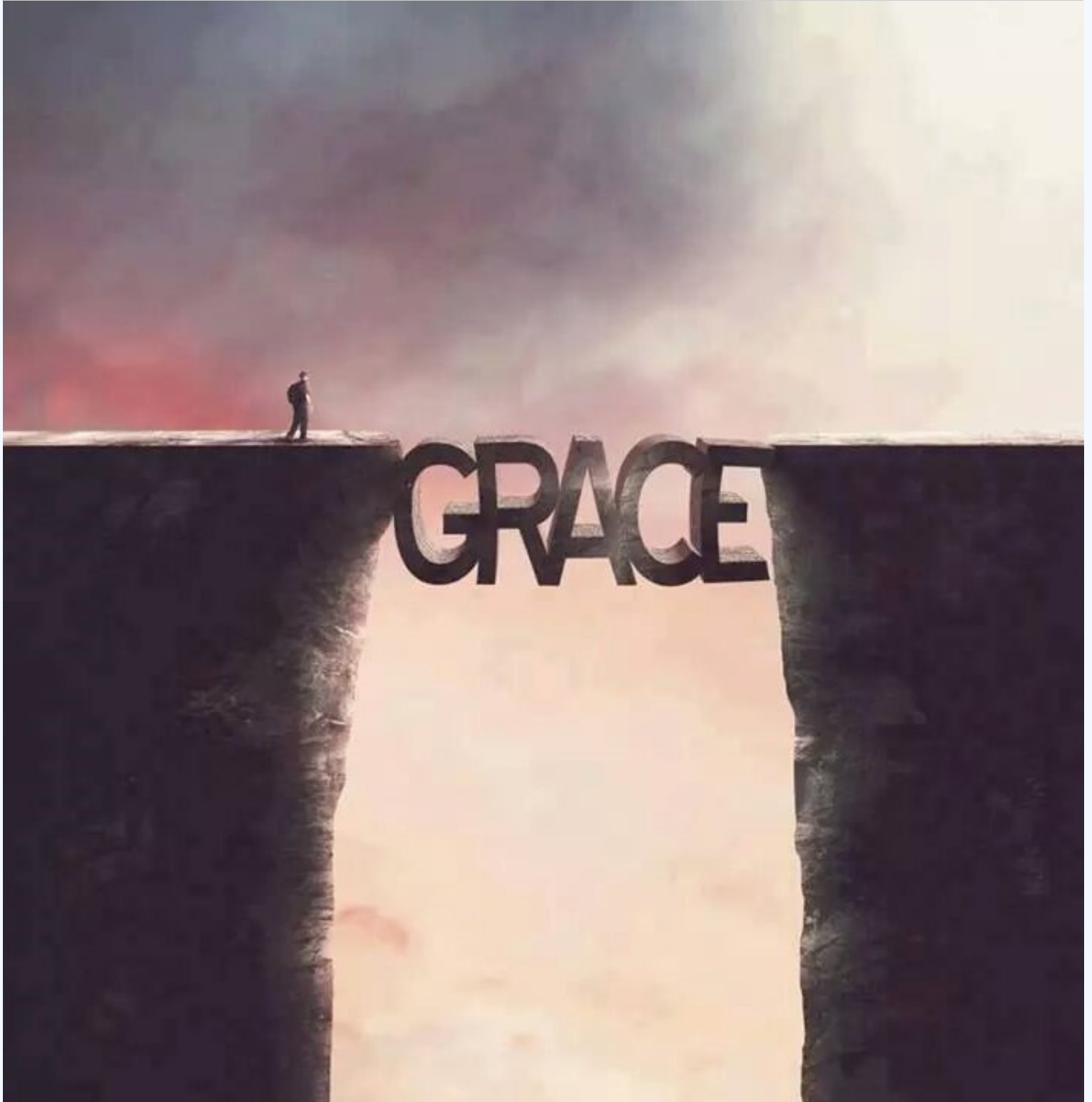


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The Kingdom of God: "A Government"

Part 2

Rev. Georgetta Head

Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. Proverbs 8:14-16

He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He. Deuteronomy 32:4

Many have a hard time believing God's Kingdom is a government, but when one studies the Old Testament and reads the Parables in the New Testament, Holy Spirit gives us many clues about the Kingdom of God. But, first let's look at God's position! God owns everything and has power to declare and decree as He will. Proverbs 8:15 tells us that by God all kings reign and princes decree justice. This is government! Psalms 50:6 reads: "God is a God that reigns with righteousness (Justice) and is Judge Himself." In past history, and currently now, all countries have a judicial system with a judge (man) issuing judgement—this is government. As Proverbs 8:15 tells us, all government is from God. Our judicial system, although not perfect, is founded from principles from the Bible. Let's explore more clues found from the Bible!

Genesis 1:26 reads that God gave Adam and Eve dominion over "all the earth." Adam was a king in the Garden of Eden before he lost his kingdom.

In Genesis 15 God made a covenant with Abraham to be a father of many nations. This covenant included protection, provision and land. Only a ruler of a government and owner of the universe can make a promise of this magnitude! God as judge, ruler and landowner can give His kingdom to whomever He pleases! Once again, God owns everything, including all the silver, gold, mountains, land, cattle, etc.

In Exodus chapter 30 we read Moses being instructed by God to build a Tabernacle to be a dwelling place where He could meet the people and execute justice for the children of Israel—once again government!

First Samuel reads, "the children of Israel rejected God as their King and cried out for an earthly king." That king was Saul! Continued in First Samuel, God rejects Saul because of disobedience and selects David to reign in Saul's place. Holy Spirit reveals to the reader that king David was a "*man after God's own heart*."

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The Kingdom of God: "A Government" Part 2



King David ruled the kingdom of Israel with godly justice using God's law and commandments. He wasn't perfect, but God used his leadership as an example of a "type of Christ" of the "perfect King" promised to come. Also, throughout the books of 1 & 2 Kings and Chronicles, God uses David's godly reign on the throne as a "measuring rod" for all succeeding kings.

Every godly prophet in the Bible spoke of God's judgement and how His kingdom is one of justice, peace, judgment and love. Speaking of God's government, which contained laws, commandments and principles, the prophets rebuked the children of Israel for not looking out for one another and for not showing kindness to the strangers.

Every earthly country is ruled by either a kingdom or formed government of some sort. A kingdom is ruled by a king with an established government; and there are countries ruled by a democracy or dictatorship government — either way they are ruled by leaders with governing laws, statute or constitutions already established.

In the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, we read of God sending His only begotten Son, Jesus, to earth to show mankind the way. Jesus' coming to earth was foretold throughout the Old Testament so when He arrived on earth the Israelites would know of His arrival. Unfortunately, we read in Matthew 13:57 He was rejected by His own ("And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in His own country

and in his own house.")

Jesus' journey on earth was threefold: 1) to show mankind the way; 2) to die for the sins of the world because He loves the world; and 3) to teach that there is a godly kingdom that exists and you can receive it now.

Jesus is "King" in God's government/kingdom and He is currently seated at the "right hand" of Father God watching over the affairs of mankind. Philippians 2:10-11 states that "*at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*"

Jesus is the government of Heaven and just as He was rejected thousands of years ago, He is still being rejected today by many as King of the Universe. Jesus as king of Kings and lord of Lords, offers mankind two choices: eternal life (Heaven) or eternal damnation (Hell). The choice is yours to make! Jesus doesn't force anyone! The moment you make the decision to accept Jesus Christ for eternal life into your heart, you are immediately transferred from the kingdom of darkness, which is satan, to the marvelous Kingdom of Light, which is Jesus our King!

Friends, today choose life, which is Jesus the Light of the world. Read page 20 on "*What Must I Do To Be Saved?*" Confess Jesus as Lord of your life!



"Kings of the Bible"

Ahab

Rev. Georgetta Head

It was part of God's plan to have kings as leader for the children of Israel. Every king to sit on the throne were to be a Shepherd over God's flock (children of Israel) until the "Real Shepherd" of promise arrived. The Real Shepherd being Jesus! The kings who sat on the throne, ruling God's people, were to write a copy of the "Book of Law," read it and study it all the days of their life (Deuteronomy 17:18-20). The Book of the law was to be their guideline for ruling and judging the people on God's behalf. In other words the kings were to be a "type of Christ," pointing the people to Father God as they reigned in righteous rule!

Forty kings reigned in Judah and Israel and only nine (9) did *"right in the sight of the Lord,"* with king David being the most godly. Holy Spirit records God saying *"David was a man after his own heart, who did His will,"* so God used King David as a "measuring rod" for every succeeding king! In the Bible, Holy Spirit always recorded two comments about any king taking the throne. These comments are clues for the reader to know how that king would reign: 1) Holy Spirit recorded the kings character, was he good or evil in the sight of the Lord; and 2) who the king's mother was, this spoke a lot about how the king's character was shaped. Ahab is the next king we will briefly review.

Ahab reigned in Israel, which was the northern kingdom. He reigned from 874 BC to 853 BC and began his reign near the end of king Asa's reign and during most of king Jehoshaphat's reign. His mother's name was Athaliah. The prophets Elijah and Micaiah prophesied in Israel during his reign. Holy Spirit records that Ahab, the son of Omri, *"did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him."* All of Israel's kings that were evil, but for Holy Spirit to point out that Ahab's reign was the worst is an overwhelming statement. He took evil ruling to new depths of depravity. Ahab was a leader that served himself and not others!

Ahab married Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians. Through Jezebel's influence, he forsook the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! Ahab wanted to worship his way! He built altars and many groves for Baal and Asherah and worshiped them. Ahab allowed Jezebel to kill the priests of God and to hire 450 Baal priests and 400 Asherah priests. God reached out to Ahab through His prophets, but He had no regard for God or his commandments. Because of this disregard and the people following Ahab's idolatry, God shut up the rain for three (3) years and a great famine followed. God also removed His hedge of protection from the nation and 32 enemy kings attacked Israel. In Ahab's selfishness to protect himself and great disregard for the things of God, he willingly put his wives and children in harm's way and gave away the treasures from the Temple to protect himself. God wanting to show Ahab *"He is Lord,"* graciously sent word through a prophet that He was going to bring deliverance for the sake of His people. God did bring deliverance, but Ahab showed no thankfulness or gratitude.

Ahab's reign was one of disaster, selfishness and greed! He refused to lead by the Word of God, instead he chose to lead the nation into idolatry worship which caused severe discipline to the nation of Israel. We learn from Ahab there is no escaping God's judgment when we choose to follow our own way in rebellion against God and His Word. Proverbs 12:15 states: *"the way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel."* God judged the nation and they were removed from the "promised land" and sent into captivity.

Bible Facts

Elder Charles S. Head

Zimri was the shortest reigning king. He reigned for seven days only (1 Kings 16:15).

Sarah is most mentioned of the women in the Bible (59 times); Rachel is second (47 times).

The Levites could not serve in the Tabernacle until the age of 25 and had to retire at the age of 50 (Numbers 8:24-25).

Nathaniel, one of the 12 disciples, was from Cana (John 21:2), the same place where Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding (John 2:1-10).

Joanna, one of the women who followed Jesus, husband was the manager for the evil king Herod's household (Luke 8:2-3).

King Herod and Pontius Pilate, who had been enemies, became friends during the persecution of Jesus. (Luke 23:11-12)

When God's two witnesses are slain during the tribulation period, the people on earth will give gifts to each other (Revelation 11:10).

Book Review

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Ministry News

Rev. Georgetta Head

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**If GOD Said It
He Will Do It!**



GOD is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes His mind. When He says something, He will do it; when He makes a promise, He will fulfill it. &



Rev. Georgetta Head

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?” (Luke 14:28)

Many well known business and major industries are closing their doors due to the economy, bad investments, marketing, or poor planning. With these companies closing many individuals are without employment, healthcare and in some cases they have lost their homes. Because so many businesses are closing there is a great demand for jobs. Employers realizing this are revising their company perks and policies to benefit themselves, thereby putting more demands on those that find themselves working for them. Such as vacations! You have to earn your vacation days by working a certain amount of hours per week or month to accumulate vacations. Then you have sick days and personal days you need to earn and let's not forget about children—how do they fit in the mix? When I was in the workforce, an employee received two weeks vacation automatically after a probation period of 30 days and every five years you earned an additional week until you reach 5 weeks total paid vacation. I hear so many “bad” stories about today's workforce, especially from those working in the health industry. My response to employees who hate the treatment they receive from their employers is “*why not be your own boss?*” Start your own business!

Starting a business is a big decision to make and drastic changes in one's life, but if done right, it can be rewarding being “your own boss!” You don't have to quit your job right away, but start planning for it. Such as what do you enjoy doing? Is there a need for your product or services? How much start-up money will you need and how do you get started. The majority of the time, small business can be started right from your home!

You can start a business while working for someone else, it's not against the law! First, determine what you enjoy doing or is there a need within your family that could be turned into a service. We all have God-given potential with us (gifts and talents). I know a woman who started an “at home” care service because her mother was in need of help. Another person I know wanted his own business as a funeral director and he started one, which is still in operation. I read an article in which a woman was feeding her father in a nursing home and his food kept dripping onto his shirt. This gave her an idea! Design adult bibs from terry cloth towels. She did and made a fortune selling these bibs. All of these individuals started their businesses while working full-time for someone else or out of a need. The funeral director, while working fulltime, began investing his money, which profited him enough money for a down payment to purchase an existing funeral service.

Being your own boss is not that complicated. Ask God what talent or need you have that would be profitable. Once you have that desire and passion burning within your heart, it's time to write a Business Plan. This will be your roadmap as a guide to bring your business to life. Our country was founded on small businesses, which has grown into bigger businesses and this seems to be the trend again. Finally, seek advice from someone already operating a small business. There are trials and errors in owning your own business, but in the end, you will be successful as “your own boss.”

Written By Fara Reid

They are Grownups - Isn't Life Supposed to Get Easier?

Peeking out of the window, I was covered in shame, embarrassment and utter bewilderment! The police car was parked in front of my house. One police officer was talking to my daughter and the other officer was talking to my son. Some of my neighbors came out and others were like me, they were peeking out the window. I knew immediately what happened. My 18 year old daughter was in a relationship that was not good and she became addicted to meth resulting in her becoming homeless. My 15 year old son found out as we causally talked in the car and he became enraged! He knew the guy my daughter was involved with and headed to his house. (Not far from our house). Several neighbors called the police as they saw him pacing and banging on the door. The police man picked up my son and daughter and brought them home. As God would have it, the officer had faced a similar situation when he was my sons age. With great compassion he sat in our home and counseled my children. Before he left, he gave them his card and told them they could call anytime in the day or night. What a blessing he was!

As my 4 children entered adulthood, life got harder for me. There was stress and fear on a whole new level. I thought the "terrible twos" were supposed to be the worst part of parenting! I thought when they turned 18, there would be a disconnect. They would grow up God loving, parent loving, perfect little responsible adults. Nope, they were on their own but it looked nothing like what I imagined. I remember meandering through life trying to find myself too but did I make crazy choices? Ok maybe I did, but had no idea what my parents were going through because after all, it was my life. I no longer hold the mom power; watching them make choices that are totally opposite from the way they were raised deeply grieves my spirit. How in the world am I going to get through all of this was my daily racing thought. Every siren caused me to panic, phone calls, door bells, it all kept me bundled up in nerves.

In my desperate prayers, I eventually was able to find relief from the gripping anxiety. Yep sure did! I had to learn to trust that their father was capable of watching them; no not their earthly father but their Heavenly Father. It sounds easy but trust me, it is not. It's a process as I take every negative thought captive, making my thoughts focus on God and His ability. I thank Him for all of the good years I've had with my kids and I praise Him with a chorus I wrote that says, "*The seed of the righteous shall be delivered*"! Those words came from a Bible verse my mom has quoted for years. "*Though hand joined in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.*" Proverbs 11:21 KJV

At first I would give the care to God, take the care back, give the care to God, take the care back, but with practice it has become so easy to just say, "*Lord, I know you got them!*" Letting go of the mommy manipulation was a choice I had to make in order to fully trust God to work in their lives. The Holy Spirit can go places in them that we can't. He knows them in a way that we don't so, I have decided, I will no longer carry the care of our children, I've learned to give them totally over to my capable God. Does it mean I don't hurt? Does it mean I don't face disappointment? No & no, but it does mean I have peace in my mind, it does mean worry has been disarmed and it does mean hope is alive in me. My mother has 8 children and we were all brought up to love and serve God. We all went astray, but she prayed and trusted God to bring us through. Today all eight of us are serving God and mom is now trusting God to bring her grandchildren through. When I think about how much God has changed me, I have greater hope for God to change my children. Can God do it? Yes he can! (From a Mother's Heart)



Men On A Journey

"Mordecai A Hero In Exile"

Elder Charles S. Head

In life a lot of heroes are recognized for things they may have done to help people. They may have done a good deed such as save a person's life while they were in danger, being a humanitarian for a good cause, volunteering time to help the needy, or even risk their life in order to save someone else, etc. The list goes on and on, not to forget our greatest hero of all "Jesus, our LORD and Savior, who gave His life and died on the Cross for the sins of all mankind.

Mordecai was also a hero found in the Bible (Esther chapters 2 thru 10). What made Mordecai a hero that shined more than others was because of his stand for truth of God's command in spite of all adversity and evil around him. He was not a coward toward the evil treatment to him and his people during their captivity.

Mordecai was on a mission to accomplish his goal for God's people by standing up to his enemies without fear or intimidation. Three things were on his agenda: 1) **Determination**: A decision not to change his mind once he started. 2) **Persistence**: He never gave up; and 3) **Consistence**: He continued the same as he started.

Mordecai's mission also had motives which were to 1) please God, 2) to defend his people, and 3) to do God's will in the process. The results of his mission when completed were that his cousin, Esther, whom he adopted as his daughter became the Queen of Persia. He also was given a high position of government from being a servant himself. God used information which he received on a plot to destroy the king, and to kill all Jews, and turned it to a blessing of deliverance instead, in favor of the Jews. What an awesome God we serve!

When our enemy tries to shut us down, we don't have to fear, as long as we are pleasing God. He has our back. In the end the Lord can turn the table on the enemy, then cause things to work for our good!

Acknowledge God

**In all your
ways and**

**He will direct
your path.**

Prov. 3:5-6

Riddles



I am full of holes; I can hold water. What am I?

1.

What gets wet when drying?

5.

What are two things people never eat before breakfast?

2.

What is it the more you take away the larger it becomes?

6.

What has two hands and a face, but no arms and legs?

3.

What can't be used until it's broken?

8.

What has 4 legs and only 1 foot?

4.

What has many keys but can't open any doors?

9.

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Women of The Bible



Rev. Georgetta Head

"Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai." Genesis 16:1-2 KJV

Hagar has just finish her chores when she felt a soft cool breeze flow through her tent reminding her of home! A place she longed for, but knew she would never return. She was now a slave girl, owned by Abram and Sarai. They were good to her, but there is no place like home, she thought, how she missed her family! Before she had finished reminiscing, she looked up and Abram was standing in the door of her tent. Abram begin to tell her the plan he and Sarai had!

You see, Abram began, God promised Sarai and I a child, and as you know we are up in age and Sarai is beyond childbearing age. Sarai and I were talking and she believes that God is going to bless us with a child through you. Although this wasn't God's plan for Abram, he knew Hagar that night as his wife and Hagar conceived. During biblical days it was common practice for a husband to take a concubine as wife to continue the family name, if the first wife couldn't bare children. Hagar became a surrogate for Sarai. Unfortunately, once Hagar conceived she became excited about the pregnancy and Sarai became angry with her about the pregnancy and mistreated her so much that she ran away. An Angel of the Lord told Hagar to return to Sarai promising her that the child would have many descendants but he would spend his life at war with his brothers and everyone would be against him. She was to name the baby Ishmael.

Now, imagine for a moment being a slave girl in a strange land - one day working as a slave and the next day you are told you will become wife to your slave owner to be a surrogate for your master's wife! No choice in the matter but to obey! Then, after the child is conceived, you are mistreated for doing what you were told to do! The story doesn't end here!

Sarai did conceive as God promised! She gave birth to Isaac, the child of promise. When Isaac was wean Abram, now Abraham, had a celebration for this occasion. Sarai, now Sarah, watched at a distance as Ishmael, the child of the flesh, mocked Isaac. Sarah became worried and told Abraham to cast the bond woman and her child out. After being warned by the Angel of the Lord, Abraham did so. Ishmael did become the father of many nations and spent his life at war with his brothers and everyone was against him just as the Angel of the Lord spoke. Ishmael's descendants are currently the Arab nation!

The Answer is Always in His Word

"The Conversion of Saul"

ELDER CHARLES HEAD

"And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? (Acts 9:4)

The Lord has a way of turning our lives around and transforming us to a person of godly character for His glory. In order to get our attention, at times He allows a humbling experience. During this time, we are at a crossroad of decision in our life. We have the option to say yes or no when the Lord gets our attention, because He allows us to have a free will.

At the time of Saul's conversion he was on a mission to continue persecuting many Believers in Jesus Christ, and he even had permission from religious leaders to arrest them, whether they were men or women. On a certain day, Saul's plans were interrupted by God in order to tell him the plans that He had for His kingdom and glory. As Saul was traveling near the city of Damascus a light from heaven came down and physically blinded him. ⁴*And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?* ⁵*And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.* ⁶*And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, ⁷Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. ⁸And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink."* (Acts 9:4-9).

Paul had to make a decision whether to say yes or no after he heard God's voice. By saying yes, he heard God's call. The Lord did a transformation of character on Saul, from persecutor to a messenger and ambassador for Christ. We all are transformed to a new creature in Christ when we say yes, because that is what being "born-again" means (John 3:1-3).



Have you ever wondered what life was like inside the womb? Everyone reading this article once lived inside a dark, warm, damp womb. We were conceived there as a seed (zygote), developed or formed by God and when ready, removed from there to enter the world. It's brilliant how God created such a complex process that prepared our bodies, minds and spirits to live on planet earth (**Psalms 139:13-16**).



It's also amazing how our bodies were designed for a world outside the womb, while still inside the womb. Our eyes were created but could not see light, sunsets, flowers, people or land; our ears were created but could not hear sounds, birds, or voices, and our mouths were created but could not communicate with people. Yet everything within us was created with a function and a yearning to exist outside the womb.

If we were, at the time, given a description of life outside the womb on planet earth, nothing would make sense to us because we would only be familiar with our environment inside the womb. Only after entering the world (from darkness to light) would our bodies begin to live, know and grow as designed.

Interesting that when we hear of a world beyond this world—a place called heaven, we're hearing of it like a child inside the womb. We've never seen it or experienced it but everything inside of us was created to know and live in this world. For example, our heart was made for a perfect unconditional love from God, our soul was made to desire eternal life, and our spirit was made to live in a world where there is no death, no tears, no sickness, no darkness, and no evil. But yet we currently live in a world of flaws--where death, suffering, corruption, disease, gloom and evil flourish.

As it was in the womb, so also this world can never satisfy the desires of our heart or even the purpose for which we were born. When we experience grief, illness, fear and misfortune, or see wickedness intensify, it is just a reminder that this world is not our home. We were created for something much greater, to be a resident of heaven—faithfully believing that this present world is only the beginning of our future glorious life and home. (**Romans 8:18-23**)

NOTE: A special appreciation to all parents—especially mothers, who were God's chosen vessels to hold, birth, and nurture their children for this earth and to those who prepare them for their future home—heaven (**Proverbs 22:6**). **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** From the book **"It's About God's Time"** by Gerry Hickman



"Footsteps in His Word"

*"Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways
be established" (Proverbs 4:26)*

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"Stand For Truth or Fall for Deception"

The Bible says that Believers are in this world, but not of this world, meaning we live in two worlds! We live in this current world that we see (the kingdom of darkness), and we live in the Kingdom of God, which we can't see (Kingdom of Light)! These two worlds are totally different in culture, value, behavior and beliefs. So, with that being said, the question is, "how does a Believer live in two worlds without compromising or becoming blind to what is truth and what is deception? Dr. Myles Munroe says, *"Whoever controls our world determines our culture, our values, our beliefs, and our behavior."* Let's review these two worlds!

The Bible tells us in the Book of Ephesians that satan is "prince of this world," which is called the kingdom of darkness and he has demons (fallen angels) assigned to various areas to cause destruction in this world through the government, schools, homes, countries, cities, people's lives, etc. Satan's kingdom of darkness is "evil and unrighteous!" Satan influences government to change this world's culture, values and belief system. With new laws people adapt to satan's evil way of thinking and actions, such as abortions, same sex marriage, couples living together outside of marriage, legalizing drugs, discrimination, hate, influencing leaders and parents to give children freedom to function in situations that even some adults can't handle. This world is in great turmoil with evil abounding everywhere.

The Kingdom of God is love and justice for all! In God's kingdom He values and loves life and His creation. Murder is heinous to Him and children are a blessing! God's Kingdom is one of truth, peace, joy, kindness and contentment. There is no such thing as lying, hate or disrespecting one another. In His Kingdom we look out for one another. God's Kingdom is righteousness! Unfortunately, there are many Believers falling for satan's deception by agreeing with men in government who write laws that oppose God's laws. These laws tempt people to compromise godly values and beliefs! A new law doesn't make SIN "ok" to enjoy. It is never "ok" to compromise God's Word—His Word is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God's Word teaches truth for righteous living, which is contentment and peace in one's life. Obedience to God's Word produces kingdom culture, values and behavior. The reward is eternal life with Him!

If we don't "stand for TRUTH we will fall for DECEPTION." Believers, don't be deceived by satan's tricks or deceptions. Follow the example of Daniel! When asked to compromise his godly beliefs, he refused and God honored Daniel's faith with protection and provision. **STAND FOR TRUTH** and Father God will protect you and provide for you. Decide today, which world you will live in—the kingdom of darkness or the Kingdom of Light. **TRUTH ALWAYS PREVAILS! DECEPTION WILL BE DESTROYED! WHOSE CONTROLLING YOUR WORLD? FATHER GOD OR SATAN?**



Health Tips

Tips for Healthy Living

Healthy Living

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Quite often I hear mothers and caregivers complain that they are too busy to cook “home cooked” meals and that they believe there is nothing wrong with “*fast foods or processed foods.*” If this statement were true, then the health and pharmaceutical industries would be out of business! Friends, there are quick and easy ways to prepare fresh home cooked meals, and they don’t take a lot of time.

Available to the consumers are slow cookers, air fryers, pressure cookers, waffle makers, etc., to help the family cook produce chef quality meals. Manufacturers have actually combined all these features, accept the waffle maker, into one small appliance: the Instant Pot and the Ninja Foodi. These appliances can function as an air fryer, a slow cooker, a pressure cooker and food warmer. The Ninja Foodi also has an oven feature. (I personally use the Ninja Foodi and love it!). Foods can be cooked frozen or fresh! I’ve cooked fresh collard greens, ribs, chicken wings and green beans. These two appliances are easy to use and will cut your cooking time down by hours. For instances ribs in the oven or on the grill can take three to four hours to cook. In my Ninja Foodi, I cooked ribs with sauce in 45 minutes and they were fork tender. I did frozen chicken wings from start to finish in 30 minutes. Friends, there is no excuse for polluting one’s body with processed foods, which is difficult for our bodies to digest and process. Try one of these small appliances and you will never go back to fast food or processed foods.

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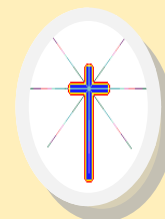
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Believe in Jesus and pray the "sinner's prayer" below!

Dear Jesus, I come to you today as a lost sinner. I am asking that you save my soul and cleanse me from all sin. I know that I need help and that I can't save myself.

I believe that you are the Son of God. Forgive me for my sins and all wrong doings I have done to others and help me to forgive those who have hurt me. I believe that you died on the Cross for my sins and the sins of the world. I accept You, Jesus, into my heart as my Lord and Savior.

I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, as my Savior and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead and You are now seated in Heaven.

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Congratulations!

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